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SUBJ: CARAMANLIS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF HIS MEETING WITH DEMIREL

- 1. THE ATHENS PRESS REPORTED ON JUNE 1 THAT THE GREEK SIDE HAD EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION OVER THE BRUSSELS MEETING BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTERS. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS REFLECTED THIS SATISFACTION IN A STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT WHEN HE RETURNED TO ATHENS THE EVENING OF MAY 31. HE INDICATED HIS MEETING WITH THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER CONSTITUTED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND THAT IF THE SAME GOOD WILL CONTINUED THE FUTURE COULD BE VIEWED WITH OPTIMISM. THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS (EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION):
- 2. QUOTE. AS I SAID UPON MY RETURN FROM MY FIRST TRIP ABROAD, THE INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE OF GREECE IS HIGH. THIS PRESTIGE IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE IMPRESSION PREVAILS ABROAD THAT THANKS TO THE MATURITY OF THE GREEK PEOPLE A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY WAS ESTABLISHED IN GREECE AND THAT CONSTITUTES A VALUABLE ASSET UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH MUST BE PRESERVED AND DEVELOPED. BECAUSE IF, DURING

THE COURSE OF TIME, THE IRREGULARITIES OF THE PAST ARE REPEATED, THIS ASSET WILL BE LOST WITH THE GREATEST DAMAGE TO THE COUNTRY.

3. QUOTE. AS FAR AS MY MEETINGS WITH THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER IS CONCERNED THIS MEETING ITSELF CONSITUTES SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS SINCE IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE REDUCTION OF TENSION AND CREATES THE CONDITIONS FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. THE PROBLEMS ARE MANY-SIDED AND COMPLICATED. I AM CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT IF, DURING THE DIALOGUE WHICH WE INAUGURATED, THE SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL PREVAILS WHICH PREVAILED DURING MY MEETING TODAY WITH THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER, WE CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH OPTIMISM. END QUOTE. KUBISCH

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